SIXTH DAY—*Thursday, 9th October 1930.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*(Contd.)*

MR. M. P. SOMASEKHARA RAO (Bangalore City.)—

Q.—35. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What has become of the fate of the Trade Union Legislation which the Government had in contemplation some time ago ?

(*b*) Why the Government had not taken any steps to bring in a Bill during the last three years ?

(*c*) Whether the committee appointed under Sir Brajendranath Seal to consider the Draft Bill ever met, and if so, what was its report ?

(*d*) Whether the Government intends to introduce any legislation in the matter, and if so, when ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—35. (*a*) to (*d*) Government have deemed it desirable to postpone Trade Union Legislation until after the conclusions of the Royal Commission on Labour are available.

MESSRS. DEVAIYA and SIVANANJEGOWDA (Seringapatam Taluk) and M. SUBBAYYA (Seringapatam Municipality).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Did not the Revenue Commissioner confirm the right of collecting tolls during 1930-31 at Wellesly Bridge and Paschimavahini Toll Gates for Rs. 20,100?

(*b*) In whose favour is the right of collecting toll during 1930-31 at the above named toll-gates confirmed and for what amount ?

(*c*) Did not the Revenue Commissioner confirm the right of collecting toll at Byrapatna for 1930-31 for Rs. 10,800?

(*d*) In whose favour and for how much the right of collecting toll at the gate was confirmed ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—40. (*a*) and (*b*) The right of collecting tolls at these gates was confirmed for Rs. 20,100 in favour of Mr. Basavaraj Urs, but soon after the conclusion of the sale, Mr. Basavaraj Urs represented that he offered such a high amount on the impression that he could have an assurance that in case of compounding by bus-service men such compounding would only be in favour of a particular bus and in case of its getting sick and another bus brought on the line by the owner he should pay separate fee. As no such assurance could be given and other persons present were not also inclined to bid, the right was confirmed to the same party for a slightly reduced amount of Rs. 19,000.

(*c*) and (*d*) Mr. Tirumalagowda was the highest bidder for Rs. 10,800 before the Deputy Commissioner. It was finally confirmed in his favour for a sum of Rs. 12,000.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Devayya.—

Was not Mr. Basavaraj Urs the contractor last year also ?

Secretary to Government, Development Departments.—

I want notice.

Mr. Devayya.—

The answer to questions (*a*) and (*b*) contains the statement that the sale was confirmed in favour of the highest bidder for a smaller amount. Did the conditions of sale as notified beforehand provide for such a step ?

First Member of Council.—

We cannot say that now. A similar thing may not happen in future, because from next year, auctions will be held in each district headquarter.

Mr. Subbayya.—

Is it true that some people from outside were allowed to bid without making any deposit beforehand ? If so, what was the concession shown to local people ?

First Member of Council.—

Concession to local people is not the object. The main object is that Government must obtain the best possible bids.

Mr. Subbayya.—

Are the Government aware that auction sales are held in the Seringapatam Taluk Office and persons are allowed to bid thereat without making deposits ?

First Member of Council.—

The question may not arise in view of my previous answer that auctions will hereafter be held only at district headquarters.

Mr. Subbayya.—

With reference to (*c*) and (*d*) is it not true that soon after the sales the Revenue Commissioner informed the bidders that the sale had been confirmed for Rs. 10,800 ?

First Member of Council.—

No. It was finally confirmed for Rs. 12,000.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

If the final bid was for Rs. 10,800, how did the question of Rs. 12,000 arise at all ?

First Member of Council.—

I am not prepared to answer that question.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

With reference to (*a*) and (*b*), was Rs. 20,100 the bid at the place of auction or in the Revenue Commissioner's Office ?

First Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

What were the reasons for confirming the sale referred to in (*a*) and (*b*) for Rs. 19,000 ?

First Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Was the contract auctioned again after giving notice dders ?

Third Member of Council.—

I cannot tell you. As there was no one else to pay Rs. 20,100, the sale was confirmed for Rs. 19,000.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

When the final bid stood in the name of Mr. Basavaraj Urs for Rs. 20,100, why was it not confirmed in his name ?

First Member of Council.—

He offered his bid under a mistaken impression.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

What is the reason for that impression?

First Member of Council.—

There was a doubt in the matter.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa. —

Has he or anybody else expressed the doubt at the time of sale?

Third Member of Council.—

No. It was not known at the time. It was known later. Immediately, Mr. Basavaraj Urs made a representation which was considered.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Is it not true that his representations were made when all the bidders had gone away?

Third Member of Council.—

No. Others were also present.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Once the right was confirmed for Rs. 20,100; was it not the duty of Government to adhere to that figure?

First Member of Council.—

Apparently the officer, who conducted the sale, thought that the representation was *bona fide* and deserved sympathetic consideration.

Mr. G. Chennappa.—

If the highest bidder went back upon his bid, was it not the duty of the officer to hold a sale again?

First Member of Council.—

But nobody offered.

Mr. G. Chennappa.—

Could not another sale have been notified afresh?

First Member of Council.—

There was no time for all that. It was the last day.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Was any tender telegram for Rs. 19,500 received from one Malige Mariappa of Seringapatam in respect of this same contract three days after the sale but before its confirmation?

First Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Was not a bid of Rs. 20,100 received from one Mr. Ramachandra Setty of Chennapatna during the auction?

First Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Was this gentleman present at the time of the confirmation of the sale?

First Member of Council.—

Yes. From the facts as reported, the highest bid in the

first sale which was conducted in the district was for Rs. 12,000 or so. Later on, the Revenue Commissioner ordered a re-sale at which the bid went up to Rs. 20,100. Immediately thereafter, the bidder said that he bid for such a large amount under a mistaken impression. At once the others present were asked, if they would take up the contract for that amount; but they did not agree.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Was there not half an hour's interval between the final bid for Rs. 20,100 and the confirmation for Rs. 19,000, and were the other bidders, including Mr. Ramachandra Setty, present at the time?

Third Member of Council. —

Speaking from recollection, I can say that Mr. Ramachandra Setty was present and was not prepared to take the contract for Rs. 20,100. It was confirmed in the name of Mr. Basavaraj Urs for Rs. 19,000 on the same day.

Mr. B S. Puttaswamy.—

Was not the toll gate at Hunsur worked on the *amanath* basis for some time?

First Member of Council.—

Because the sale was not successful there. But in this case it was successful.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Could not the same thing have been done in respect of these gates also?

Third Member of Council.—

If members feel that there have been any irregularities in the matter and bring them to notice, they will be duly gone into.

Mr. Madiah.—

Is it usual to consider representations and reduce the amount after confirming a sale?

First Member of Council.—

It may not be usual, but in deserving cases, why should it not be done?

Mr. Madiah. —

If so, why should he have bid at all? And could the officers hold a re-auction without notice to the other bidders?

First Member of Council.—

If bids are based on mistaken impressions, we ought not to be very hard in enforcing such bids. In the present case, it is said that the other bidders were also present at the time.

SRIMATIS SAKAMMA and KAMALAMMA DASAPPA (Women's Interest).—

Q.—52. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of primary, middle and high schools for girls in the State ?

(*b*) The number of girls that are studying in the primary classes in the primary schools for (1) girls, (2) boys in the State ?

(*c*) The number of boys in the primary schools in the State ?

(*b*) Out of the primary and middle schools for girls, how many of them are

(i) Government schools,
(ii) Mission schools,
(iii) Other aided schools ?

(*e*) How many primary schools, middle schools and high schools are there for (i) boys, and (ii) girls in Mysore City, Bangalore City and other district headquarters (answers to be furnished headquarterwar)?

(*f*) Are girls attending the boys' schools without any inconvenience in places where there are no separate middle and high schools for them ; if so, what is the percentage of attendance of girls (of school-going age)?

(*g*) Are all the teachers in girls' schools females ; if not, is it not desirable to appoint only female teachers there?

(*h*) Are Government giving any special encouragement for females taking to teacher's profession ; in what ways are they affording encouragement ?

(*i*) Is it not good to introduce agricultural and industrial classes in primary schools for boys and girls so that they may learn gardening and minor industries ?